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City Grows by Four Acres as Adjacent Property Is Annexed Under Special Law

by Bill Rowland

Greenbelt's land area will grow by another 4.35 acres as the result of an annexation decision made by the city council during its regular meeting on May 14. The parcel involved is an enclave totally surrounded by the city, located on the south side of Greenbelt Road between Holy Cross Lutheran Church and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. A small piece of the land is owned by the church, and the remainder by Elinor M. Seger, who, with her husband, lives on the property.

Council faced a difficult decision in casting its votes on the annexation issue. On the one hand, the city had a unique opportunity to make the enclave a part of Greenbelt, thus achieving greater control over future rezoning and development of the property. But to do this council had to meet the deadline of a one-time-only Maryland state law allowing municipalities to annex such enclaves. Because the law requires that such annexa-

tions be completed by June 30, 1984, council had to make its official decision during the May 14 meeting, to allow for the statutory 45-day delay before annexation could become effective.

Owner Opposes

On the other hand, council was confronted early in the evening, during a public hearing on the issue, with vehement pleas by Seger and her son not to annex. Seger tearfully told council about the establishment of the family farm in that area by her immigrant grandfather. She said "the government" had "bilked" her rather out of most of the original farm land. Her entire life has been spent on the property, where she said she has kept her home as a haven for a series of relatives over the years.

The terms of the annexation will exempt Seger from paying city property taxes so long as she owns and lives on the property, and so long as there are no changes in zoning or in character or use of the land. But Seger did not see either this or the eligibility to receive city services, such as police protection, as incentives for becoming a city resident. She told council the entire matter has been "a blow between the eyes" for her

and accused council of trying to stifle free spirit in this country. I haven't bothered you — why should you bother me? she asked. "Why can't I be free? Why do I have to be annexed? I have been no problem to you people!"

Seger's son, Michael Kennedy Jones III, was even more outspokenly opposed to annexation. He told council he was "raised on that piece of ground," and spoke of "illegal condemnation" of most of the original land by the federal government. According to his observation of what has happened in the years since, you people sold your green space — you sold out your own future — now you want this last piece to control at our expense. In forty years you haven't offered us anything — what makes us think you are going to give us anything now?

City Not a Good Neighbor

Mayor pro tem Richard Pilski interrupted to ask Jones whether the city at any time had not been "good neighbors." When Jones replied that this town had been "wrong from the start," Pilski cut him off. "You've made me angry," said Pilski. He continued.

See ANNEXATION, pg. 8, col. 1

Residents Strongly Oppose Higher Density Rezoning of Tidler Tract

by Mary Lou Williamson

"We oppose a rezoning of the Tidler Tract to any higher density zone . . . We've got all the townhouses we need!" — Chelsea Wood. "Greenbelt and the surrounding area is in desperate need of single family detached housing." — Windsor Green. "Development is proceeding way ahead of needed traffic improvements." — Greenbriar.

Council thus received strong support from its citizens and neighbors for taking a tough stand on the rezoning application for the 83.4 acre tract owned by Burton and Harold Tidler. Council has accepted a request from the developer to meet in an informal work session — tentatively scheduled for June 5.

The land is currently zoned Rural Residential (R-R, 1.85 dwelling units per acre). The rezoning application asks for Residential Townhouse (R-T, 8 units per acre) allowing up to 667 units on the hilly terrain. Contract purchaser Michael Rose has offered an alternative plan using a mix of 362 town houses, 16 with English basement units

added, 46 detached houses, and 41 townhouses to be used as offices.

The City's Advisory Planning Board in its report to council focuses on bringing the traffic flow to at least a minimally acceptable level of service at all intersections along Greenbelt Road from Southway to Cipriano Road before supporting any rezoning.

APB also addresses the need for less dense zoning, calling especially for single family detached housing. Currently, only 6% of the city's 8,650 dwelling units are detached homes. (See "APB advises City to Oppose Rezoning for Tidler Tract," by Bill Rowland in the May 3 issue of this newspaper for further details of APB's report.)

The Transportation Planning Division of the Maryland - National Capital Park and Planning Commission also recommends denial of the application, calling it "premature with regard to needed transportation improvements." The formal hearing before the Zoning Examiner has been postponed from June 27 to August 24 at the request of the developer to provide time to work out differences with the city.

The Tidler Tract is an oddly shaped elongated parcel of land

running along the southern border of Windsor Green/Glen Ora Gardens, extending from Hanover Parkway on the west to Chelsea Wood on the east and almost bisecting Windsor Green in the middle near the development's newly completed community center.

These neighboring communities were represented at council's May 14 regular meeting by board members of their homeowners associations — Larry Seborg of Chelsea Wood, Gary Kohn of Windsor Green and J Davis of Greenbriar. Their appeals to council ranged from a position of "no compromise," expressed by Seborg, to Davis' comment, "We have not taken a position, but we're very concerned about traffic."

Chelsea Wood

Seborg's board does not favor APB's position, which they regard as a compromise — trading support of increased density for highway improvements. "If a developer buys land that is zoned R-R, fine. Let him develop at that zone. Don't ask us to increase the size of Greenbelt Road — more lanes of traffic — so he can have higher density. He bought the land, let him live with (the zoning)," said Seborg.

See TIDLER, page 4, col. 1

GHI Members Approve Proposal For Partnership With Coop Bank

by Mavis Fletcher

At the May 16 annual membership meeting, the membership of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., passed two bylaw amendments and a resolution which will enable GHI to become a partner with the National Consumer Cooperative Bank in forming a mortgage banking corporation to finance unit sales in GHI and other housing cooperatives. The bylaw amendments were approved by more than the required 2/3 majority; the first amendment passed on a vote of 102 to 39 and the second, 92 to 35. The resolution, which required a simple majority, passed easily on a show of voting cards.

Two other bylaw amendments sponsored by the board of directors also passed easily. One amendment expanded the range of monetary vehicles in which GHI is permitted to invest; the other was a "package" of technical amendments recommended by an ad hoc bylaw committee.

After these amendments passed, the agenda was summarily curtailed by a motion to recess. Coming at the end of a long evening, close to midnight, the motion passed easily thus allowing four petitions originated by members to die. Member Steve Curtis, author of three of the pe-

was an attempt to tack on an amendment to include the free-standing boiler rooms in the motion. For a time, the motion seemed likely to sink in a welter of amendments and re-amendments. But in the end, the motion was approved with one amendment added to insure that GHI and any member who purchases one of these boiler rooms will handle removal of the asbestos in accordance with applicable environmental health regulations.

In the president's report to the membership, President Margaret Hogensen emphasized the undertaking of the structural repair program and the painting of masonry homes. She also discussed a drainage survey, which is a

See GHI, page 9, col. 1

Rapid Growth in City Is Concern, Devlin Says

Greenbelt's assessable base increased by a staggering 15% during the Fiscal Year which ended June 30, 1983, according to Del. Gerard F. Devlin (D-23rd District). The local legislator, who has represented Greenbelt for 10 years, cited figures prepared by the State Assembly's Division of Fiscal Research to underscore his contention that "we need to study most carefully further development in the Greenbelt area."

Devlin pointed out that the County's assessable base increased by 9% during Fiscal 1983. "This is the direction we ought to be proceeding in but when you note that Greenbelt's rate of growth is 50% more than Prince Georges County, the caution light ought to be lit," Devlin said.

"Obviously, we have to go slowly because it is so difficult to maintain adequate public facilities for such growth," he said.

Devlin expressed great pleasure that the combined city-county tax rate would drop by more than 30 cents per hundred in the next fiscal year as a result of the Municipal Tax Differential Law which he sponsored in 1983. "Clearly the city government has a good handle on fiscal matters and the outlook is better for Greenbelt tax payers than it has been for many years, but all of us in government at all levels have to work together to maintain Greenbelt as a good place to live," Devlin said.

GHI Election Results

Board of Directors:

Cantwell	192*
Wirick	192*
McCawley	188*
Dombrowski	180*
Audit Committee:	
Keene	156*
Hool	154*
Hyde	149*
Lewis	93
Curtis	84
Peck	49

*Elected

titions, unsuccessfully sought to have the petitions put forward to the next membership meeting. GHI General Manager Shekar Narasimhan, responding to a News Review question, said that neither GHI bylaws nor Robert's Rules of Order make any provision for the automatic carry-over of agenda items from one meeting to another.

The surprise of the meeting occurred when the membership voted earlier in the meeting to table a board-sponsored proposal to ease last year's restrictions on the sale of the frame boiler rooms. Last year the members had voted to permit the sale of these boiler rooms to adjacent members. Since it has become obvious that a large percentage of the adjacent members do not intend to purchase the rooms, the board sought authority to loosen the restrictions to allow the sale to other GHI members. After considerable discussion, however, the motion to table the item was approved.

It seemed for a time that the issue of selling six boiler rooms under masonry duplexes would suffer a similar fate. However, a motion to table was defeated, as

REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Because of the Memorial Day Holiday, Monday, May 28, there will be no refuse collection that day. Monday's route will be picked up on Tuesday and Tuesday's route will be picked up on Wednesday. THERE WILL BE NO NEWSPAPER COLLECTION ON WEDNESDAY. Thursday and Friday's routes will be on regular schedule.

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., May 24, 8 p.m. GHI Board meeting, Hamilton Pl.
Fri., May 25, 9 a.m. E. Roosevelt High school graduation, Capital Center
Sat., May 26, 10 a.m. Municipal Swimming Pool opens
Wed., May 30, 10 a.m. Memorial Day observances at Greenbelt Center
7:30 p.m. Historical Society meeting, Library, Tugwell Room

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Marilyn Fowler

Marilyn Fowler of 17 Ridge, died in her sleep on Monday May 21. She had been a resident of Greenbelt for about 20 years. A registered nurse, she had worked at the Goddard Space Flight Center for more than 10 years. At the time of her death she was in charge of the health unit there.

Mrs. Fowler was active in many Greenbelt civic organizations. For several years she worked with the Greenbelt and Lanham rescue squads. With Leo Gerton she was instrumental in getting the Greenbelt CPR program under way and continued to take a great interest in it. She had been president of the Garden Club for several years and in addition had a vegetable garden in her yard.

One of her more interesting the unusual activities was scuba diving. She became interested in this sport at a somewhat older age than most of those who become involved in diving and went on expeditions every year, sometimes as many as six such jaunts in one year.

She is survived by three children, Glen, who lives in California, and Carol and Patti, both of whom live in Massachusetts. She is also survived by her mother, Loretta F. Murray who lives in Bowie and a brother, Bob Murray, now of Virginia but formerly a Greenbelt resident and a second brother.

Friends may visit at Gasch's Funeral Home, 4739 Baltimore Ave., Hyattsville on Thursday, May 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at St. Hugh's Catholic Church on Friday, May 25 at 11 a.m., interment at St. Lincoln cemetery. Donations may be made in Mrs. Fowler's memory to the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

Besse Bendow

Besse Bendow of Green House died Friday morning, May 11, in Doctor's Hospital. She went to the hospital May 10 from Greenbelt Nursing Center where she had been recuperating from surgery. She had been hospitalized for one month with a fractured hip sustained in a fall in her apartment on January 30.

Mrs. Bendow came to Greenbelt in July of 1966 from New York City, her place of birth. She is survived by two daughters, Claire Kronthal of York, Pa. and Elaine Nussbaum of Greenbelt, sons-in-law and grandsons Barry and Steven Kronthal of York.

At almost 92—her birthday would have been in August—her mind was bright and alert, as

William L. Botts

William L. Botts, who resided at 4-R Gardenway for 25 years, died on May 19 in a nursing home in Morningside, Md. He was 90 years old. He was buried on May 21 at Edgewater, Md. His wife of over sixty years, Susie Botts, was in the same nursing home but is now living with their son.

When he lived in Greenbelt, Mr. Botts enjoyed going down to the Center Mall to chat with friends and feed the birds. He is survived by a son, Earl Botts of Morningside and a niece, Ethel Marshall, of 12 Ridge.

Democrats Undemocratic

To the Editor:

I would like to thank those over seven hundred residents of Greenbelt who cast their votes for Senator Gary Hart in the Maryland Democratic Presidential Primary. Although Senator Hart did not win here in Maryland for many reasons, his performance on Super Tuesday II ensures that the Democratic convention in San Francisco will truly have a choice. . . .

The rules under which the Maryland Delegation to the Democratic convention do have a particular provision which will deny any at-large delegation to Senator Hart in spite of his performance in this state garnering over 25% of the vote. This provision renders the votes cast for each of the candidates totally meaningless and grants delegates to a campaign only if it elects 20% or more of the delegates within our state. I believe that this rule is undemocratic. . . .

Keith Chernikoff
 23rd Legislative District Coordinator
 Marylanders with Hart

Golden Age Club

Sixty-six members of the Golden Age Club gathered at the American Legion Post #132 on May 16 to hold their regular business meeting and to enjoy lunch at the invitation of the Legion. Commander Hosberg welcomed the club members and announced that the invitation was extended for the second Wednesday of each month for lunch and a meeting.

President Florence Holly graciously thanked the Legion for its hospitality and generosity and will follow through with arrangements for the meetings. Luncheon was served in the cafeteria. It was a new experience for the club and everyone enjoyed the day.

was her wit. To the end she was fiercely independent and maintained her apartment at Green Ridge House until March 1.

—Elaine Nussbaum

THANKS

To the Editor:

I wish to thank the GHI members who voted for me for another term on the Audit Committee. I am grateful for their confidence in me. I feel that the two new members of the committee will both be assets to GHI, and that the committee will continue to deserve the trust of members.

Katherine Keene

THANKS

To the Editor:

We would like to thank the members remaining in our New Directions' constituency for voting for two genuinely independent candidates for the Audit Committee, namely ourselves. Much more work is still required on matters of Board education, conflicts of interest and financially disadvantageous real estate transactions if our cooperative (GHI) is to ever fulfill its bright promise made possible by the highly successful and widely acclaimed rehab program.

We hope that the new Audit Committee takes a more activist role than in the past and rigorously defends the interests of the membership in areas of its jurisdiction. We will continue to lend our expertise, acquired through years of GHI active involvement to help guide the cooperative through the difficult times ahead.

Steven Curtis
 John Lewis

Repair North End?

To the Editor:

I read in the May 9 issue of the News Review that there is a possibility that the old portion of the North End School may be demolished.

Instead of doing that, I think that the city should put out a call for the citizens of the community to donate their talents to repairing the building.

In Greenbelt's pioneer days townspeople built the synagogue and the Athletic Club themselves. Why not try that approach? It might work.

Irene Hensel

Soccer Uniform Turn-in

Now that the soccer season is over, it's time to turn in all uniforms. This is especially important since the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club at this time has many uniforms still outstanding and are having a problem outfitting the growing number of soccer teams each season. Players of Spring or Fall Soccer are requested to turn in uniforms on Thursday, May 31 at the Greenbelt Youth Center between 6-8 pm. The Club has purchased new uniforms in the past year, and still are missing quite a few. All uniforms are to be turned in. If the turn-in time is inconvenient, call 345-6081 to make special arrangements. Bills will be sent to the families of those who do not return these uniforms.

Historical Society to Meet

The 350th anniversary of the founding of the state of Maryland and a short history of the state will be discussed at the next Historical Society meeting on Wednesday, May 30 at 7:30 pm. in the Tugwell Room of the Greenbelt Library.

Local historian Alan Virta will present slides, including several of Greenbelt, and will lecture and answer questions. The public is invited. For further information call 474-5156.

Roosevelt Graduation Fri.

Commencement ceremonies for the Eleanor Roosevelt High School graduating class will be held on Friday, May 25 at 9 a.m. at the Capital Center.

Mowatt Memorial

United Methodist Church
 40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410
 Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
 (for all ages)
 Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
 Rev. Dr. James Chong Park
 Pastor
 474-1924

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH Episcopal

Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville
 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 First and third Sundays
 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
 Second and fourth Sundays
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School
 Rev. John G. Bals, Rector
 422-8057

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

The annual Memorial Day Observance will be held on Wednesday, May 30 at 10 a.m. at the Memorial site in the Greenbelt Center. Participating with Greenbelt Post and Unit will be the local DAV George H. Seal Memorial Chapter and unit.

Memorial Day is set aside to honor those killed in wars in which the United States participated. The names of those citizens of Greenbelt killed in World War II are on a plaque. Greenbelters are invited to attend.

Bahá'í Faith

Greenbelt Baha'i Community
 P.O. Box 245
 Greenbelt, MD 20770
 345-2918 / 474-4090

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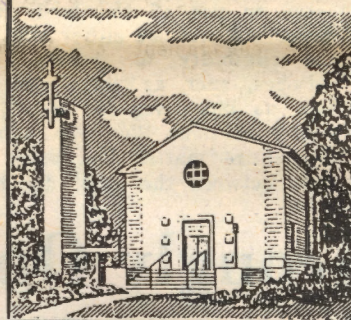
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474-4212

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Bible Study for all ages (Sun.) 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service 11 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
 Midweek Prayer Service (Wed.) 8:00 p.m.

Greenbelt Community Church



(United Church of Christ)
 Hillside and Crescent Roads
 Phone 474-6171 mornings
 10 am Sunday Morning Worship
 and
 Church School for Children
 Infant Care Provided at
 Fellowship Center behind Church
 Richard Leavitt,
 Interim Minister

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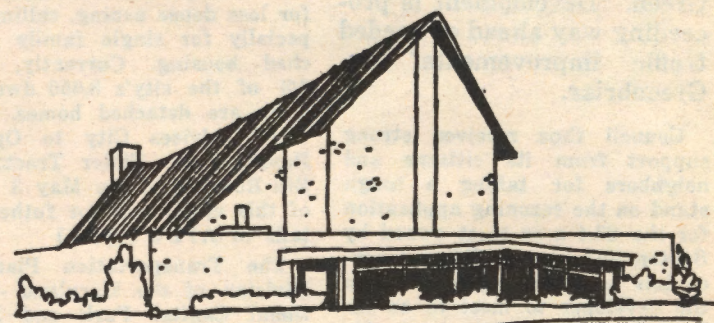
Rev. David Conway, Pastor
 Rev. Francis G. Kazista, Associate Pastor

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday 6 p.m.

Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:30 a.m. Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. Monday - Saturday
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4-5 p.m.



Holy Cross Lutheran Church

6905 Greenbelt Road

Worship Services Sundays 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.

Sunday School 9:50; Pre-School Program 9:50
 Youth and Adult Classes 10 a.m.

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Telephone 345-5111



The Frank family lead their "neighbors" in the observance of Hanukkah in their cramped hideaway. From left to right are Ray Turner, Lauren Ethel Rieth, Robert O'Malley, and Jef Beyrent. Standing are Marie Reeves as Margo, Vincent Kimball and Hana Sherbow as the Franks, and Angela Schreiber in the title role of Anne.

"Diary" Continues, Ballet Next

"The Diary of Anne Frank," which has been drawing enthusiastic audiences, will play its final weekend on Friday and Saturday at the Utopia Theater.

Ambitious Play

The play about the journal of the young girl in hiding in war-torn Holland is one of the most ambitious productions done by the Greenbelt Players. comments Marie Tousignant, who plays Miep and is best remembered for her title role in "I Remember Mama."

Directed by Judy Holland, the 10 - member cast strives to recreate not only the historical setting of Anne's diary but to present the day-to-day events of the varied individuals in sometimes humorous but always poignant contrast to the threat of the war raging outside their hiding place. To help the audience better understand the play, Lori Hopson Paul has arranged a lobby display of Anne Frank books and information.

Ballet Performances

The Central Maryland Ballet Company now in residence at the Arts Center will present the ballet "Coppelia" from June 7 through June 10.

Renovations Continue

This last play of the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center theater season is being presented on striking sets built under the guidance of Tom Schreiber. Grants from the Otto and Lillian Stempler Foundation and Giant Food, Inc., were received for the production of "Diary."

New auditorium lights and the absence of old sets usually stored at the back of the theater are the most recent improvements. The scaffolding is in place for the painstaking hanging of draperies on the side walls. Purchased with a grant from the City of Greenbelt, the multihued material is meant to soften the

Women's Soccer

The Greenbelt Women's team, sponsored by the Greenbelt American Legion, that plays in the Columbia League, suffered another loss in a make-up game on Sunday, May 20. Individual efforts were impressive, with Dale Scoville playing skillfully as team goalie.

Rookies Mary Ann Baker, Ginny Williams, Candy Vacin and Theresa Stringfellow showed improvement. Melia Murray and Cass Cooney played aggressively despite 85° playing conditions.

visual impact of the high walls.

Flea Market Returns

Again organized by Ann Pisano, the popular monthly flea market returns to the mall on the second Saturday of June, July, September, and October. Table space is rented for a nominal donation to the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center. For information, call 474-7763.

McGough-Taylor

The engagement of Vickie McGough of Mt. Laurel NJ to Allan Taylor of Greenbelt is announced by her parents, Louis and Nancy McGough. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Robert and Madeline Taylor, Greenbelt.

The bride-to-be, formerly of Berwyn Heights, received her bachelor of arts degree in dance and arts management from St. Leo College, Florida. She is now working as a dance teacher.

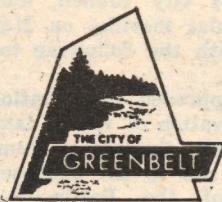
Her fiance is a graduate of Parkdale High School. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Florida State University and his Master of Science degree from the University of Florida. He is employed by Systems and Applied Sciences Corporation in Hyattsville.

The wedding will take place in November, after which the newlyweds will live in the Greenbelt area.

Smith-Sawyer

Former Greenbelter Carla Jean Smith, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James W. Smith, and Charles F. Sawyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Sawyer, Jr. of Ann Arbor, Michigan, were united in marriage on April 14. The double-ring ceremony took place in Plymouth Congregational Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The bride chose to wear her mother's wedding dress of ivory slipper satin.

The bride was graduated from Parkdale High School, the University of Maryland Music School and the University of Indiana Law School. The groom was graduated from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and received his law degree from the University of Chicago. The newlyweds will reside in Minneapolis, where both are attorneys in the law firm of Dorsey & Whitney.



Greenbelt Municipal Pool



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Weather conditions permitting, normal hours of operation are from 1:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m., Monday through Friday and Saturdays and Sundays 10:00 a.m. - 8:15 p.m. except Saturdays of Home Swim Meets. The schedule will be posted and the pool will open at 1:00 p.m. Weekday mornings are reserved for swim lesson programs and general pool maintenance.

SEASON PASS RATES

	Greenbelt Resident	Non-City Resident
Single	\$35.00	\$ 65.00
*Family	\$80.00	\$140.00
Senior Citizen (62 years and over)	FREE	N/A
Guest Season Child Pass (per child)	\$50.00	N/A

NOTE: Single season passes are suggested for married couples with children under six (6) years of age

FAMILY PASSES: Print names of all members of your immediate family* over six years of age (including yourself) who are to receive passes. Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult and are admitted free.

*FAMILY: Persons who reside at the same address who are related by blood or marriage or for which a family type of relationship has been established by court of law.

NON-RESIDENT SEASON PASSES will be offered to those living outside the Greenbelt city limits. The Non-Resident Family Season passes will be limited to 150 families per season.

GUEST CHILD SEASON PASSES are limited to house guests under 18 years of age of a resident family pass holder. Applications must be submitted to the City Manager for approval.

DAILY ADMISSION RATES

Compare and Save — Purchase of season passes provide substantial savings to users over continued payment of daily admissions.

	Greenbelt Resident	Non-City Resident
Adult (18 years & over)	\$2.00	\$2.50
Child (6 - 17 years)	\$1.25	\$1.75
Under 6 years	FREE	FREE
Senior Citizen (62 years and over)	FREE	\$2.00

PASSES AVAILABLE BY MAIL AND AT THE CITY FINANCE OFFICE: Please fill out the application below. Make checks payable to CITY OF GREENBELT; mail with application to: City of Greenbelt, Finance Department - Pool Pass, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770. Passes will be sent to you by mail.

SEASON PASSES may be purchased at the Finance Office (first floor of Municipal Building Addition), Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Brochures, with complete listing of the 1984 season Aquatics Program Guide, are available at the Municipal Building and Recreation Centers.

MUNICIPAL POOL PASS APPLICATION

25 CRESCENT ROAD
GREENBELT, MARYLAND 20770

(Mr./Mrs.) Age Home Phone
Address Office Phone
..... Emergency Phone

I hereby apply for a Greenbelt Pool Pass. Payment for membership is enclosed.

(Please check the membership for which you qualify)

CITY OF GREENBELT RESIDENT		NON-CITY RESIDENT	
RESIDENT FAMILY*	\$80.00 ()	NON-RESIDENT FAMILY*	\$140 ()
RESIDENT SINGLE	\$35.00 ()	NON-RESIDENT SINGLE	\$65 ()
RESIDENT SENIOR CITIZEN	Free ()		
GUEST SEASON CHILD	\$50 ()		
First Name	Last Name	Relationship	Age

Make check payable to City of Greenbelt

*Family: Persons who reside at the same address who are related by blood or marriage or for which a family type of relationship has been established by court of law.

Falsification of this Membership Application will result in cancellation of the membership and forfeiture of all monies received.

TIDLER Tract Rezoning Opposed

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in an impassioned and lengthy plea to council.

A 17-year resident of Chelsea Wood, Seborg described for council the changes along Greenbelt Road that he has witnessed. "When I came here," Seborg related, "all of the road down to Kenilworth Avenue was woods." Careful not to blame council, he said, today we have a "glorified Route One along Greenbelt Road."

He is personally feeling the impact of the resulting traffic congestion, he told council. He and his wife return from work in Washington each day, driving up the Parkway during the evening rush. Frequently cars on the exit ramp leading to Greenbelt Road have backed up onto the Parkway for a distance of several blocks, his among them. He is terrified by the high-speed cars coming off the Capital Beltway.

He spoke of the impact upon each of them after the robbery and murder of the Arco mini-mart employee and the county police officer last summer. "My wife was 15 feet away when those two men were shot . . . right in a residential area."

"Why not say no to that developer?" He offered council a position Chelsea Wood could accept: "Complete refusal of any rezoning, any compromise."

In response, Mayor Gil Weidenfeld explained to Seborg the council's philosophy on working with developers. "We give a little bit of what we don't want for a lot of what we do want and by appearing to be reasonable, we get more favorable treatment from the (Prince Georges) Planning Board."

Seborg asked why "there isn't more of a stand at a higher level? Why don't they take a stand favoring the citizens?" He angrily answered his own question with one word, "TRIM! . . . bring in more tax base through development."

Councilman Tom White urged Seborg and other Chelsea Wood residents to officially communicate their position and bring "a lot of warm bodies. That's the only message higher-ups understand."

Windsor Green

Windsor Green's board, Kohn

reported, has met several times with Michael Rose and his representatives. Kohn feels Rose is interested in having the property annexed by the city. He suggested council use that desire as a carrot to obtain significantly more detached housing.

Much of the traffic from the new development would enter and exit through Windsor Green, presenting a burden to our roads and a danger to our children, Kohn said. His board, he continued agreed with APB that a zoning change should not be allowed at this point. He was not sure "we can say that with the completion of the road improvements that a compromise should be approved."

Council Tidbits

by Bill Rowland

Greenbelt's city council, during its regular meeting on May 14, dealt with the following topics:

—They approved continuation of the reservation of vacant land owned by the Greenbriar community for use in the proposed relocation of the Baltimore—Washington Parkway interchange. The previous reservation will expire at the end of June.

—The budget for Green Ridge House for the forthcoming fiscal year was approved. The budget includes a rent increase to \$496 per month; an increase in the management fee from 3.5 percent to 3.75 percent; an accelerated faucet replacement program; and a new television for the first-floor lounge.

—Council awarded a bid for resurfacing of the four tennis

courts at Braden Field nearest to the Youth Center. The work is expected to take about two days and must be finished within 30 days after award. The low bidder, American Tennis Courts, will schedule work to avoid interfering with tournaments. Cost to the city will be \$5,200.

—Disapproval of a proposed liquor license transfer from existing owner Easy Life, Inc. to AM/PM Mini Market, located at 8007 Breezewood Drive, was recommended by council to the county Liquor Control Board. Council member Thomas White said this is the only liquor license in the Greenbelt area about which he has ever heard complaints. Council has two major concerns: (1) the facility is isolated enough to be vulnerable to holdups and

(2) it is close enough to residential units so that minors have allegedly been able to obtain beer from adults who purchase it for them. The City Solicitor advised council that their recommendation will do no good, and that what is needed instead is a petition from at least ten nearby residents, filed with the control board at least 30 days prior to the next annual applications for renewal of liquor licenses in February or March. Council unanimously stood by its recommendation as a matter of principle, but wants the matter on a council meeting agenda in December. Nanna is to brief council on steps to take, and the Springhill Lake Civic Association is to be asked to join in the action.

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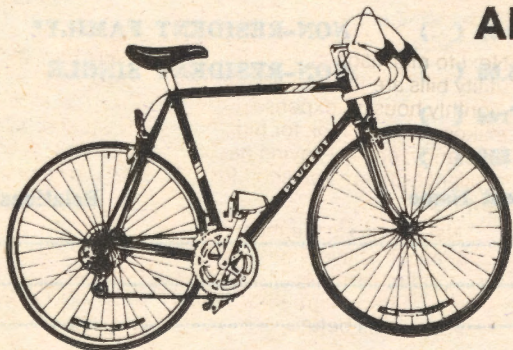
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Update on Cable TV

by Rod Price

A representative from the city of College Park Donald L. Byrd, Director of Public Services spoke to the Greenbelt Cable Television public Access and Local Origination Advisory Committee at its monthly meeting on April 24. Byrd, who described the operation of that city's cable system, gave advice to committee members on how to set up Greenbelt's cable organization.

Byrd told the committee that, if possible, Greenbelt's cable organization should be independent of the city. He said that because his responsibilities extend to other areas besides cable, he does not have time to properly promote College Park's access channel. Byrd believes Greenbelt would have the same problem, and that an independent organization would be needed to utilize completely the capabilities of a cable system.

College Park has been broadcasting its city council meetings for three years, and the result has been larger audiences and longer sessions because, according to Byrd, "Everyone has a little bit of ham in them." Byrd said that approximately 25 percent of the city's 4,800 subscribers regularly watch the council meetings.

Byrd said he was pleased with the service from Storer Communications, but that there were problems with the installation contractors. He said that Storer hires independent companies who wire homes "the easiest way possible." He told the committee about one incident where the cable was run across a picture window and advised residents to be at home when their homes are wired.

When told about the delay Greenbelt was having in being wired for cable, Byrd said that he thought Storer might be "overextended" with the installation of cable in other communities.

The News Review contacted Charles Hookey, System Manager of Storer Communications, who said the delay in wiring Greenbelt had been caused by Storer's difficulties in reaching agreement with each of the condominium associations and apartment complexes. Hookey said that about 1,000 of Greenbelt's 8,000 housing units were single family homes, and that only those homes could be wired under Greenbelt's franchise agreement with Storer. Hookey said that Storer has reached an agreement with Windsor Green and that wiring should begin before the end of the month. He added that Greenbriar has been wired and that marketing would begin in June. Wiring has been completed for GHI also and marketing is underway.

In the next meeting of the cable committee the group plans to meet with a representative from Storer Communications.

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Our Neighbors

by Eileen Peterson - 345-2454

Congratulations to Stephen and Elizabeth Draper of 26 Court Ridge Road on the birth of their daughter Annie on May 12.

It's a boy for Margaret and Leo Hool, 19 Ridge Road. Brandon John, weighing in a 8 lbs. 4oz. on May 20, joins 2½-year-old brother Kevin. Margaret is on the staff of the News Review. And a handshake for Luann and Don Giese, owners of Caravan in College Park, as they welcome home their baby girl born on May 17. Bethany Ann tipped the scales at 7 lbs. 12½ozs.

Condolences to Elaine Nussbaum on the death of her mother Besse Bendow and to Ethel Marshall on the death of her uncle William L. Botts. Greenbelters were saddened also to learn of the untimely death of Marilyn Fowler.

Congratulations to Springhill Lake resident Mark Lipton on being elected president of the University (of Maryland) Commuters' Association. According to Lipton, there are approximately 28,000 commuters at the College Park campus.

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"CATS" is directed by Trevor Nunn. Tickets may be purchased at the box-office or at a Ticketron agency or by calling Tele-Charge, 554-1900. For further information call 628-6167.

Swim Team Practice

Practice begins for the Greenbelt Swim Team on Tuesday, May 29 at 7 p.m. at the pool. Anyone wishing to join the swim team is invited to come down and try out. New swimmers are always welcome. For further information call Betty Sonneveldt at 345-1033.

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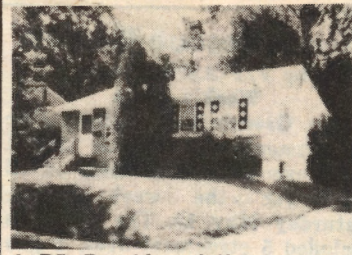
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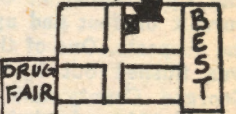
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Monday, June 4

No meeting will be held on the Memorial Day holiday.

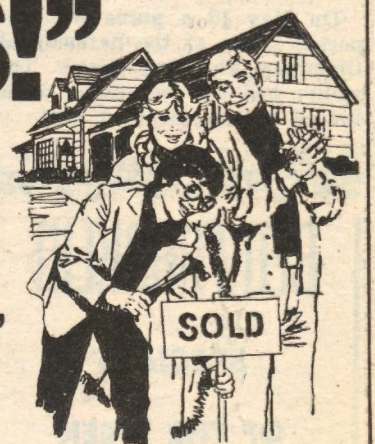
The purpose of this meeting is to keep you informed, listen to and respond to your concerns about painting and structural repairs.

The GHI Hotline (474-6644) also provides information about rehab including schedules and the status of special requests. During business hours, a staff member is available to answer your questions. At other times, you can listen to the pre-recorded information and leave a message if you still need help.

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Pfc. Alan J. Riskin arrested two non-resident adult males for an attempted breaking and entering at the Equitable Trust Bank in Beltway Plaza on May 15. Riskin, Sgt. James R. Craze and Cpl. Daniel P. O'Neil gave pursuit on foot and apprehended the suspects. One of the suspects was flushed out by the Prince Georges County K-9 unit after he had hidden behind a fence in the yard of a resident. One of the suspects was reported to have been involved in another breaking and entering earlier the same day outside the city.

Officer J. Michael Rasmussen arrested a resident man and charged him with theft, driving while his license was suspended, driving an unregistered and uninsured vehicle and displaying a license plate belonging to another vehicle.

Pfc. Thomas R. Justin arrested a non-resident woman for shoplifting at Shoe Town in the Greenway Shopping Center. The suspect was detained by the manager when she attempted to wear shoes out of the store without paying for them.

Officer J. Michael Rasmussen arrested a non-resident woman for shoplifting at the Dart Drug in Greenway on May 14 and two other non-resident females for shoplifting at the Fashion Factory on May 16. In both cases, store personnel had observed the thefts and called the Greenbelt Police.

Cpl. Terrence M. McGrath arrested two non-residents, one male and one female, for shoplifting at Marshall's on May 16. McGrath had stopped the two suspects and a search of the vehicle revealed drug paraphernalia and stolen clothing. The suspects were taken to Hyattsville, where the woman was incarcerated in lieu of bond and the man was released on personal recognizance.

On May 12 a purse was reported stolen at the Safeway at Greenway Shopping Center. The victim had left her purse unattended in her shopping cart.



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Fire & Rescue Review

by F/F April Walker
Weekly Calls

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad Inc. responded to a total of 32 calls for the week ending Saturday May 19. The fire calls included 5 structural fires, 3 gas leaks, 2 transfers, 1 alarm bells, 1 illegal camp fire, and a large mulch fire. The rescue calls included 5 vehicle accidents, 4 heart attacks, 4 sick people, 3 injuries, 3 strokes, and 1 trouble breathing.

2 Ambulances are beter than 1

On the nights of Thursday May 17 and Friday May 18 we received simultaneous calls needing ambulance service. On Thursday night there was a stroke on Crescent Road and at the same time there was a heart attack on Lakeside. Friday night we had a heart attack on Lakecrest along with an injured person at Wendy's. While most departments in Prince Georges County are only able to maintain one ambulance, through the combined efforts of the Greenbelt Fire Department and the generous citizens of our community we have been able to continue providing the luxury of a two ambulance service. Without this service, on both nights, one patient would have had to wait for an ambulance to come from another area. In cases like heart attacks, the extra few minutes could mean the difference between life and death.

Other than Fires and Rescues

The Fire Department and Rescue Squad has other duties than actual fire and rescue situations. In addition to a mutual aid agreement with the fire departments around Greenbelt, the Fire Dept. responds to numerous gas leaks,

Flute Recital Using Suzuki Method

Students of Elizabeth Beer Shilling played in a flute recital on Sunday, March 4 at the teacher's private home and studio on Lastner Lane.

The program included flutists of all ages. Some of the selections for the beginning students were familiar Suzuki songs. Suzuki violin (and piano) has been a method of private music instruction used in this country for a number of years.

flood situations, wires down, and on occasion, assists law-enforcement agencies in the area. Around the clock, volunteers are on standby to assist anyone in need of our services. Arrangements can also be made for non-emergency routine transports to and from area hospitals, but please contact us at least 24 hours in advance. Crutches are available on a loan basis also. For more information call 345-7000.

In Memoriam

On Monday, May 21 our ambulance responded to the home of one of our members, Marilyn J. Fowler, and found that she had apparently died in her sleep sometime during the night. Marilyn had been a valuable member of our department since 1980, and was always willing to lend a helping hand. She was a CPR instructor for 15 years, as well as a member of the West Lanhams Hills Fire Department and a head nurse for NASA at Goddard Space Flight Center. Marilyn was dedicated to serving her community and will be greatly missed by all her friends at the Greenbelt Fire Department.

Those participating in the recital were Susan Goldstein, Ericka Christian, Diane Cormier, Pamela Leadbetter, Karen Sigmon, Clare Thomas, Amy Warren, Laura Lea, Joyce Cho, Andre Kearns, and Anne Kahl.

Approximately 50 guests attended the performance. A reception with refreshments followed the performance.

The students were awarded flute pins or tie tacks as mementos of the recital.

The accompanist was John Shilling. Tapes of the program are available upon request for a small charge. (474-4773).

With the advent of "Suzuki flute" in this country, smaller flutes are now available to start even the smallest child. The Suzuki approach for the young child is very much a family matter and involves the parent as well as the child. The method focuses on positive attitudes toward oneself and performing. Listening is as central to the program as playing, because good concepts of

tone, phrasing and style are developed at an early age. Performing with confidence and good tone development are the earliest aims, with reading and theory incorporated sometime during or after Book I.

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WHEREAS, The week of May 20-26, 1984 is being observed as **NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK**, which gives citizens throughout the nation an opportunity to salute the professionals who maintain and prolong the life of the systems and vital services that protect our health, safety, and comfort; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate for the citizens of Greenbelt to also remember the public works employees who maintain our streets and roads; who remove snow and ice during all hours of the day and night; who maintain our public buildings and facilities; who service our recreational facilities, including tennis courts, ball fields, parks and picnic areas, and the municipal swimming pool; who maintain the city's fleet of vehicles and equipment in safe mechanical and operating condition and keep our community attractive by cleaning roadsides, parking areas, and public facilities; who provide animal control and one of the finest refuse, litter and special trash collection and disposal services; and

WHEREAS, This year's motto for National Public Works Week is "PROTECTING AND ENHANCING THE ENVIRONMENT", which well fits the Greenbelt Public Works Department's perceptions of its responsibilities, since Greenbelt has long been in the forefront of following this motto — with the Public Works Department providing services that protect and enhance the environment of our community and which have resulted in the past year in the collection and recycling of 325 tons of newspapers, 700 pounds of aluminum, and 600 gallons of oil; and

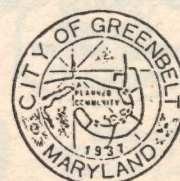
WHEREAS, The Public Works Department has been providing outstanding services to the community, while meeting increased demands at a relatively stable budget level and at no loss in services, reflecting efficiency of the qualified and dedicated personnel staffing our Public Works Department; and

WHEREAS, The attitude and understanding by our citizens of the importance of the work performed by our Public Works employees is an important factor and the support of an informed citizenry is vital to the continued smooth and efficient operation of our public works system;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gil Weidenfeld, Mayor of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, by authority vested in me by the Council and the citizens of Greenbelt, hereby issue this proclamation to declare the week of May 20-26, 1984 as

PUBLIC WORKS WEEK IN GREENBELT

to express Council's and the community's appreciation to the Public Works Department for a job well done; to urge our citizens to take the time to learn about the scope of the services provided by our Public Works Department; to learn about the problems they face that might impact on the timely delivery of their services; to assist our Public Works personnel by adhering to the rules and regulations established for the good of our community, common health and welfare and to, thereby, enable the Public Works personnel to perform their duties in the most efficient manner possible; and to join with the Public Works Department's personnel in their efforts in "PROTECTING AND ENHANCING THE ENVIRONMENT."



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The Batras Study Bugs and Fungi In Mutual Dedication to Science

by Sue Dambraskas

"There is a struggle for existence, as Darwin said, in Greenbelt Woods," Dr. Lekh Batra said. He was walking with his wife, Dr. Suzanne Batra, checking his experiments in a 25-foot plot of woods in north Greenbelt.

Lekh and Suzanne work six miles apart during the day at the Beltsville Agriculture Research Center (BARC). At night, they return to their home and family in old Greenbelt to discuss the day's work: he studies fungi; she studies bugs.

During their free time, especially on weekends, the Batras combine their expertise and research to study interrelated biological phenomena.

"Together, we can do the work of four people. We have a better interpretation — two scientists thinking about the same problem," Suzanne said. She added, "Enlightened employers would benefit to hire husband-wife teams — they get a little extra work and greater enthusiasm."

Noting the differences in their specialties — his in mycology, hers in entomology — Lekh said, "The greatest discoveries are made because of divergent backgrounds."

"The similarities in our careers help because we can understand each other's problems," Suzanne said, "but then we end up talking shop a lot."

Another boon to their partnership, said Lekh, is that "the psychological relationship is not of competition," despite scientists' competitive nature. Our energy is directed toward oneness," he said.

Since 1976, Lekh has been studying the disease called mummyberry of five types of berries: deerberry, huckleberry, cranberry, cowberry and blueberry. He is trying to uncover how the fungus survives in the plants. Suzanne is researching how insects transmit the disease, also called "blueberry blight."

The corky, tasteless, white berries that are sometimes found by consumers in packaged blueberries are mummyberries, infected by the fungus. They are harmless to people, but cause loss in yield in the crops.

One of Lekh's greatest discoveries in this research is that each type of plant has its own type of mummyberry disease. Thus, since the diseases do not cross species, different berry plants can

grow together.

However, Lekh said, plant disease can contaminate other members of the same species just like "when one member of the family catches a cold, it spreads to the other members."

Air of Research

Written on a blackboard in one of Lekh's rooms in the mycology department at BARC is the scientists' objective: "To give something back to the taxpayer." Lekh said, "Our objective is to control pests so food costs less by stopping losses to the crops for cheaper, yet better quality food."

"Before we give to the grower a good variety, it must be tested for all diseases," Lekh said.

He has about 20 "hot spots," or dense disease areas, where he tests specific varieties of plants. These hot spots, amid natural vegetation, are identified by small tags he has placed on the plants.

"I plant the test berry plants here where the disease is common. I test them with all the pathogens of their relatives. If they survive, well, then they are good varieties and I will plant them all over," Lekh said in emphatic English, with a hint of his Indian accent.

"For every experiment here, there is a parallel one in the lab," where he can control the environment, he said.

In his mycology laboratory at the Bioscience Building, Lekh is the senior scientist. He designed his lab, his office and his three teammates' rooms. He is affectionately referred to as a "brownrot" scientist by one of his technical assistants because of his interest in studying this effect on fruits. His other major interest is in fermentation—what kind of yeasts are good ferments and what molds spoil food.

Although Lekh considers his blueberry studies complete, he said, "The disease specialist's work is never done because the fungus can hybridize and become more powerful." He added, "The fungus has its own strategy for survival. What was once a 'good berry' may now be disease-susceptible."

Role of Insects

The second major discovery related to mummyberry disease and other pathogens was that insects help transmit the diseases to new plants. Suzanne, who specializes in bee varieties and flies, studied this activity.

When flowers are covered with netting so insects cannot reach

them, there is less disease, according to Lekh.

Suzanne caught insects and put them in a cage with "clean" healthy flowers and noted the flowers became diseased. Though the electron microscope, she also observed spores on different kinds of bees and flies that carried the disease to the plants.

In her own work for the Beneficial Insect Lab, Suzanne studies the biological control of weeds through the use of insects.

"My job is to go back to Europe to get natural enemies or plant diseases of weeds, so we don't have to use as many herbicides," Suzanne explained in her narrow office crammed with research papers. Much of her research is done here, often with imported insects, although she travels when necessary.

Suzanne is particularly interested in bees and their behavior and in pollination.

Her work is tedious, and she stresses her need to be flexible. "I often have 10 different projects going on at once," she said. "Because my work is often done outside, I need to adjust my schedule according to the weather and other factors not in my control."

For example, Japanese bees, a current subject of Suzanne's research, are out for only one month, so she must plan her time according to when they're available.

The Batras came to Greenbelt in 1967 when Lekh was offered a position at BARC as a research biologist. They are both active in civic affairs, including improving the ecology of Greenbelt.

They previously lived in Lawrence, Kan., where Lekh was a professor at the University of Kansas and Suzanne was preparing her doctoral thesis on the social behavior of sweat bees.

Their daughter, Mira, was born in 1964 in Lawrence, a few days before Suzanne received her doctorate. In 1967, shortly after arriving in Greenbelt, their son Persa was born.

Family life is often combined with their work. They took the children on field trips, including many European countries, India, Thailand and Mexico, lasting three months to one year, as was demanded by both Lekh's and Suzanne's jobs.

"The children know what work



Drs. Suzanne and Lekh Batra in their GHI home.

— Photo by Susan Dambraskas

we're doing. They've gotten exposure to many cultures," Suzanne said. However, she believes the Batras' strong interest in science has not swayed their children to similar career fields.

Before beginning work at BARC in 1974, Suzanne was a full-time mother for seven years. "I would study the insects at the playground, even when raising the children," Suzanne said with a laugh.

Suzanne's interest in entomology began during her childhood in Saranac Lake, N.Y. "As a child, I used to drive my parents crazy. I'd bring bugs and snakes into the house," she recalled.

Studying zoology and entomology in her undergraduate work at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania in 1960 and her graduate work in Kansas, Suzanne defied the stereotypical woman of the sixties. "Women weren't supposed to like bugs. Few women were entomologists, but there are more now," she said.

She extended her belief in the women's movement by serving as president of the northern Prince Georges County National Organization for Women in the early seventies.

Her husband boasted that Suzanne is one of the senior researchers, or "bench," scientists at BARC. Although he has published more than 105 articles in scientific journals, Lekh praised

his wife for having had 85 articles published in prestigious international journals such as "Scientific American" and "Science."

But Suzanne, sitting across the room from her husband in their GHI house, in what is known as "her" room — a bedroom and a study — likewise praised her husband's accomplishments. "He's a good example of a hard-working immigrant contributing to American society," Suzanne said. In 1947, Lekh's family became refugees in British India (what is now known as Pakistan), lost their belongings, and had to move to India.

Lekh came to the United States from a small Indian village in 1955 with \$140 to earn his graduate degrees.

Working his way through college, Lekh received high honors in his undergraduate work at Punjab University in India and in his graduate work at Cornell University.

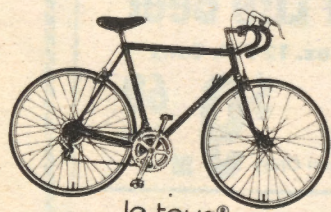
He became interested in mycology from collecting and selling mushrooms after his family had become refugees.

While lecturing at Swarthmore College in 1960, Lekh became interested in fungi cultured by beetles. Suzanne, then a college senior, was studying ants that similarly culture fungi.

"That's how we became friends, and we've worked together ever since," Lekh said with a smile.

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ANNEXATION -- COUNCIL MAKES A TOUGH DECISION

(Continued from page one)

tinued that Jones had implied that we've tried for forty years to take your property and that's not true. You're telling us we're bad neighbors, said Pilski, but you also say you've never been in front of this council before. Pilski went on that he felt bad for Seger because of the way her property had been chopped up by highways, and said he knew how painful it had been for her. He didn't want to hurt Seger, but he also did not want to be told that the city is a bad neighbor. "Mr. Jones, you were not fair. You've never been here before in your life."

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld asked Jones what he saw as the disadvantage to annexation. Jones replied that the step would have a major impact, in that any time his mother or her heirs might want to develop the property, this council would oppose any zoning change. This, said Jones, would mean that his mother would no longer have control over her own property. He added that although no zoning changes were now being considered, changes are always possible.

Councilmember Edward Putens noted that Jones had said he had seen the Greenbelt area "go to pot," and asked Jones what he wanted the property rezoned to. Jones came back that every property owner should have the right to control his own property and characterized what council was proposing as not being the fair American way of doing things. Although several council members emphasized that the city does not have control over rezoning, Jones equally emphati-

cally said that council can influence rezoning.

Jones concluded by saying that they don't want the city controlling them. He sees power as no longer coming from the people, but from the persons behind the scenes who put forth candidates. In his view, we no longer have a true democracy. Of Pilski, Jones said, "He is a very good public speaker." And of his mother, "Roots — that's one of the things she sees going away."

Council Discusses

Council explored briefly the possibility of changing wording in annexation documents in order to extend the exemption from city property taxes to Seger's husband in the event she should predecease him. City Solicitor Emmett Nanna told council it would be impossible to make such changes and still meet the deadline set by the state annexation law.

Pilski announced that he would not vote for annexation, because if a segment of the community doesn't want to be a neighbor, then he doesn't want them in the city. "I really hoped it was going to be a pleasant marriage, but I find now we have an unhappy bride," he observed. He added that he felt Seger was making a mistake, and he im-

plied he would oppose future rezoning or development of the land.

Councilmember Thomas White foresees future pressure for intense development of the Seger property. He thought it would be irresponsible of council not to take advantage of this annexation opportunity afforded by the short-lived state law. He noted also that if the land is developed, the city should be able to enjoy the benefit of the increased taxes that would result. Although White would have preferred that the residents be more accepting, he does see them as receiving benefits from annexation. It is White's hope that many

GRAY PANTHERS HOST SPEAKER FROM CHINA

The Gray Panthers meet Saturday, May 26 at 1:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library. Kachun Ku, young Chinese gerontologist, speaks on "Growing Older — Gaining Respect." She will show slides on the Life of Retired People in Shanghai. All ages are invited.

Gray Panthers badly need all kinds of donations for the upcoming Flea Market Sale Saturday, June 9. Receipts will be given. For pick up tel. 474-6890.

years hence, the decision to annex will be seen as having been a wise decision.

Weidenfeld agreed that the city is fortunate to have this chance to bring the parcel into the city. He pointed out the city's responsibility to protect its boundaries, and to influence development within those boundaries.

The final vote to annex was 4-1, with Pilski opposing. The annexation will become effective June 28.

Mosquito Control Coming to City

The State of Maryland Department of Agriculture has notified the City that Mosquito Control work for 1984 will begin the first week of June and continue through August. The larvaciding will be done during the day and the adult surveillance work and spraying will be done in the evening. Greenbelt will be sprayed only as needed with need being determined by biting counts, traps, and/or citizen complaints.

Residents with mosquito problems should contact the Public Works Department at 474-8004. Mosquito complaints will be forwarded to the Mosquito Control Office weekly.

GHI NOTES

The new GHI Board of Directors will meet on Thursday, May 24 at 8 p.m. in the GHI Board Room. The Board will elect officers for the coming year.

GHI offices will be closed Monday, May 28 for the Memorial Day holiday. Because offices will be closed, there will be no rehab information meeting on that day.

Rehab information meetings about masonry structural repair and painting will continue in June. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 4 from 5-6:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

Lakewood Citizens Assn.

At a meeting of Lakewood residents held May 14, the old Lakewood Citizens Association was reactivated and renamed the Lakewood Civic Association. The following officers were chosen: President, Ann Pisano; secretary, Kathleen McFarland; treasurer, Shirley Pray.

The first project of the new organization will be to plan a gala picnic to celebrate Lakewood's 25th birthday. Questionnaires about the celebration are being circulated to Lakewood residents. The next meeting to plan the 25th anniversary event will be held June 4 at the Hensel residence, 6 Orange Court.

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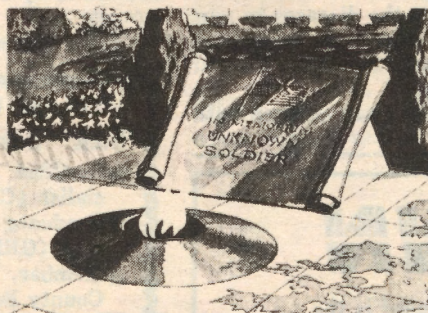


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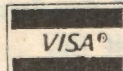
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(Editor's note: Greenbelter Bill Cornett, who occasionally does free lance photography for the News Review, recently visited a rodeo school in Gettysburg, Pa. We thought his experiences would be useful to any mothers who don't want to let their sons to grow up to be cowboys.)

by Bill Cornett

I looked down at the animal below me, over 1,800 pounds of seasoned rodeo bull, fresh off the pasture after a winter's rest. Adam Smith, another student at the rodeo school run by Dave Martin Rodeo Productions in Gettysburg, Pa., was showing me how to position the rope on the bull to get a proper grip. "You want it as far up as you can get it," he said, "and then you pull it up tight."

The bull was no beginner's bull. It had been around long enough to get a nickname—"Grim Reaper", and I had seen it in action last season, while I was doing the cover photography for the American Rodeo Association Magazine. Grim Reaper took a bead on Smith's arm with his good left horn and banged his wrist against the chute. Smith cursed and smiled at me. "This one knows what he's doing." It was going to be an interesting ride.

"O.K." Smith said, "get on." I lowered myself onto the monster, and was almost settled in, when he thrashed and almost pinned my leg against the chute. Smith, who had been competing for two seasons in championship rodeo, looked at me as if to say, "Are you sure you want to do this?" But there was no way I could back out now.

I slipped my hand under the loop, and Smith tied off my specially gloved hand tight enough to stop circulation. The bull was calm now; he knew what was coming. "Get up tight over the rope," Smith told me, "and hang on tight. Nod your head when you're ready."

A lot of things could have gone through my head at that point. Like seeing another student get stepped on the day before, or seeing the tape of Charlie Sampson, the world's champion bull rider, having his face caved in, and ending up in intensive care for several months. The cowboys would joke about being in the only insurance bracket with more risk than sky diving, or about how nearly 90 percent of the students were put out of commission on the first day of the school year. But for some strange rea-

son, I wasn't worried. Something much more basic had taken over—sheer stupidity. I was also comforted by the fact that John McRorie, an experienced bull rider and rodeo clown, and highly trained emergency room registered nurse, was just a few feet away.

I had done everything I needed to do to get ready, and there was no more stalling. The cowboys I had taken pictures of all last summer were watching; after all, they were the ones who had talked me into this. I put my head down, gave a nod, and said, "Go for it."

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blur. I remember seeing the bull below me, coming out of the chute straight into the arena, and I threw my right hand back for balance. I was under control for the first jump, and then the clown, Billy Porter, grabbed the bull's horn and pulled it around to the left. Grim Reaper took a second buck right then, and I rolled off his flank, into the soft dirt of the arena floor. Porter grabbed me, threw me out of reach of the bull, and it was all over, just like that.

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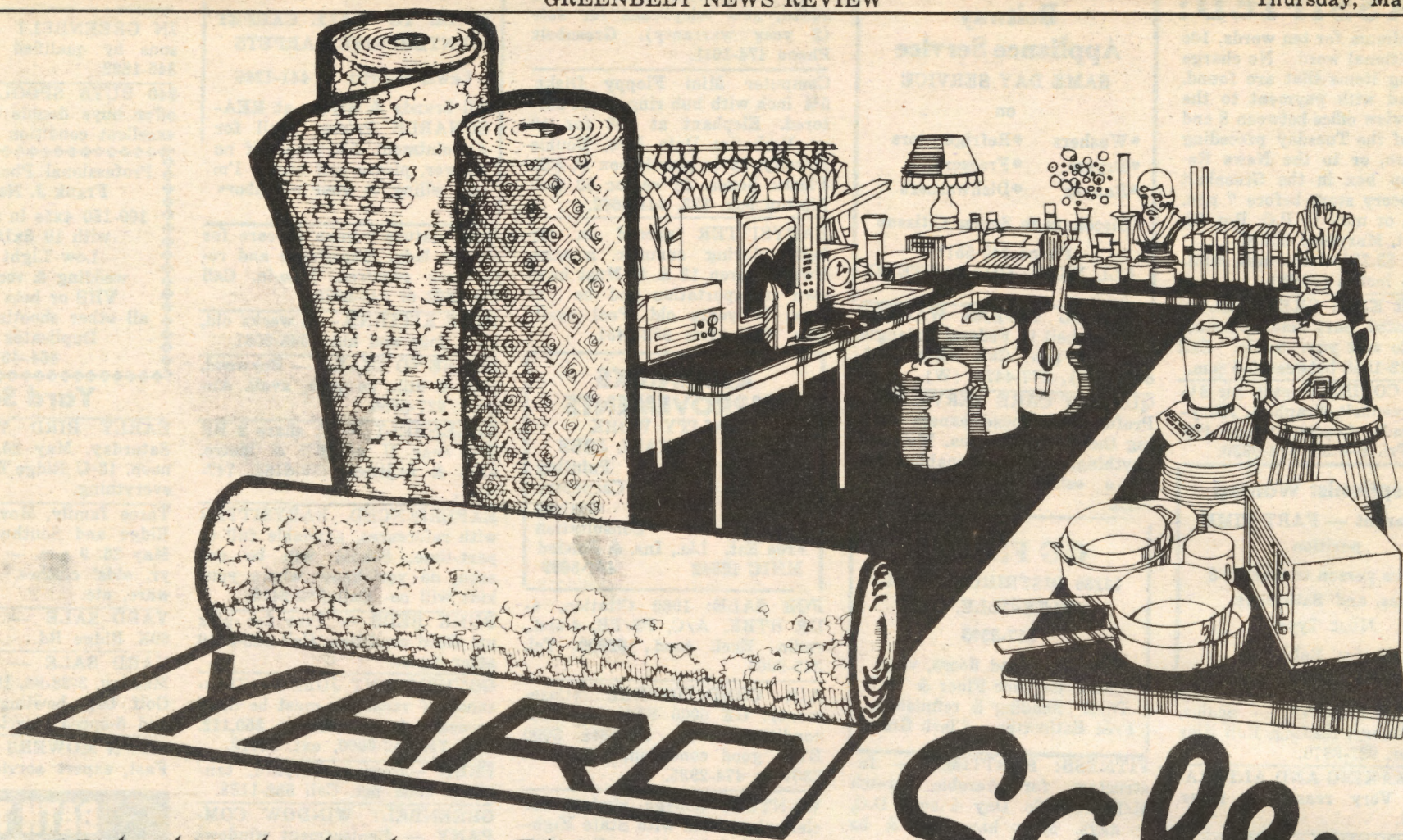


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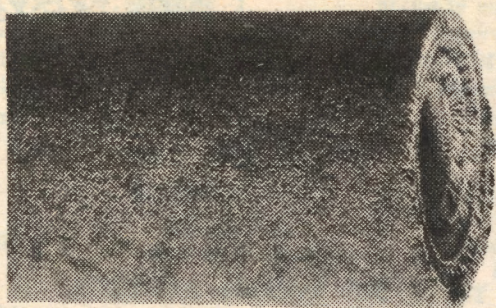
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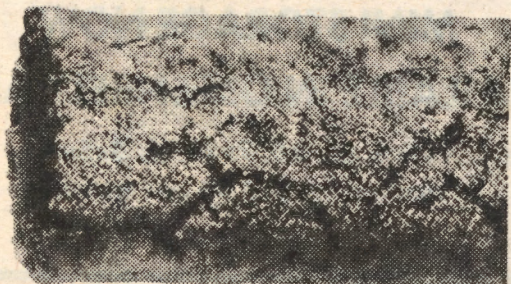


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